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Sumter Planning Department Offers Guidance for Property Damaged in the Flood

If your home or business sustained flood damage, the City and County Flood Damage Prevention Regulations may effect how you rebuild or make improvements.

A building permit is required for most repairs and demolition to flood damaged property beyond simple clean up and removal of debris, including carpet and flooring. Prior to the issuance of a Sumter City-County building permit, a damage assessment must be completed in order to receive a building permit to repair impacted/damaged structures within the 100 year floodplain.

The City-County Planning Department caution owners against undertaking interior demolition work prior to getting a damage evaluation. Interior demolition includes removal of dry wall, cabinetry, windows, doors, etc. as it may impact the damage assessment. A Substantial Damage Evaluation is required by the City of Sumter and Sumter County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances.

These inspections apply to all structures within the 100-year floodplain. Residents may view the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the City of Sumter and Sumter County by visiting the Planning and Building Offices at 12 W. Liberty Street.

Best rule of thumb is to call or visit the Planning Department before you start rebuilding on any structure at 803-774-1660.

For more information on the Sumter City-County Planning Department, please visit our website at www.sumtersc.gov.